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For: CONTINUOUS CAST ALUMINUM ALLOY ROD AND PRODUCTION METHOD
AND APPARATUS THEREOF

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (Office Action in Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-277213 dated June 30, 2008)

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: Applicant is submitting English-language abstracts for all of the listed documents, which constitute a concise statement of relevance for these documents

In addition, applicant is submitting machine translations for JP 2002-371302, JP 2000-265232 and JP 11-170009, which constitute a further concise statement of relevance for these documents.

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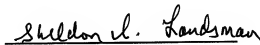
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